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NADAL RETURNS TO NO. 1 BY REACHING BEIJING FINAL

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Nadal has reached his 13th final from 14 tournaments in 2013

Rafael Nadal will become No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Rankings on Monday after reaching the [China Open](#) final.

Nadal will contest his 13th championship match of a remarkable season after World No. 5 [Tomas Berdych](#) retired at 2-4 in the first set in their Beijing semi-final on Saturday with a back injury.

Since returning from seven-month absence due to a left

knee injury in February, Nadal has compiled a 65-3 match record on the season. He has won 10 titles from 12 finals, including the [Roland Garros](#) (d. Ferrer) and [US Open](#) (d. Djokovic) crowns plus five ATP World Tour Masters 1000 trophies.

"[This is] a great year, one of the best years of my career without any doubt," said Nadal. "[It] sure is special be back to the top position of the rankings after more than a half year without playing tennis."

He said he was prouder of the hard work and results that earned him the No. 1 ranking, rather than the number itself. "At the end, it's just a number... What [makes] me happy is [everything] I did to be back where I am today."

The left-handed Nadal extended his FedEx ATP Head2Head over Berdych to 16-3. He has now won his last 15 clashes against Czech.

The 27-year-old Spaniard has had two stints at the summit of men's professional tennis for a total of 102 weeks. Nadal first became No. 1 on 18 August 2008 for a period of 46 weeks. He regained top spot from [Roger Federer](#) on 7 June 2010 and added 56 weeks to his tally until relinquishing No. 1 to [Novak Djokovic](#) on 4 July 2011.

By reaching the final, Nadal is one win away from claiming his first [China Open](#) title since 2005. The Mallorcan extended his current winning streak to 21 matches. It's the sixth season in his career than Nadal has posted 20 or more consecutive victories.

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Nadal will attempt to retain the year-end No. 1 ranking for the first time since 2010 and the third time overall (also '08). "[It] will be a great finish [to] the season if I am able to finish the season [at] the No. 1 spot. For that, I am sure I need to win more matches if I want to be there," said the Spaniard.

If he manages the feat, he'll become the first player to finish as year-end No. 1 three years after losing the ranking. [Ivan Lendl](#) and [Roger Federer](#) both recaptured the year-end top spot in 1989 and 2009 respectively, after a gap of two years.

"If I am able to be No. 1 at the end of the season, then, that's an important achievement because I will be the best of the year... That's something that really motivates me," said Nadal.

He wished Berdych a speedy recovery, ahead of next week's Shanghai Rolex Masters.

"I barely can sit, I [can] barely can stand up [or] walk," said Berdych, who described the injury as new. The Czech No. 1 said he tweaked his back while running for a backhand slice.

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Berdych voiced his respect for Nadal. "It's really incredibly well done in how short [a] time he [became] No. 1 again after [his] comeback... That's really an achievement."

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